

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Approval of Contract:
Pinnacle Plus Software System
Electronic Gradebook (Grades 4-5)
Montgomery County Contract #1161.1

ITEM NO: 3L

MEETING: September 13, 2005

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ACTION DATE: September 27, 2005

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ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT:

That the Stafford County School Board award a contract for the purchase of the Pinnacle Plus Standards Based Assessment System to Excelsior Software, 980 37th Ave. Court, Greeley, Colorado.

KEY POINTS:

A need for recording student progress of fourth and fifth grade students in the student management system has been identified. Money has been budgeted for the purchase of electronic grade book software to be used in conjunction with the revised report card.

- All pricing is in accordance with Montgomery County Public Schools, Contract #1161.1.
- The Pinnacle Plus Standards Based Assessment System links grades to Standards of Learning (SOL's) objectives. Teachers can use the information to determine students' individual instructional needs.
- A pilot will be conducted from October 2005 – June 2006 to evaluate the effectiveness of electronic grade books (see "First Year" pricing).
- The pilot will allow the technology department to streamline the integration of data from grade books to the student management system (CIMS).
- A contract would be awarded upon successful completion of the pilot.
- Pricing is broken down into the cost per year.
 - First Year: \$ 13,300 (Pilot)
 - Second Year: \$ 89, 487 (Implementation)
 - Third Year: \$ 9,622 (Annual Support)

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL: Goal 2: Integrate technology in support of all instruction.

FUNDING SOURCE: FY 2006 Budget for School Operating

AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE: School Board Policy 4-29